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SUBJ: PROVOS ESCAPE FROM MOUNTJOY PRISON

1. ON OCT 31, THREE LEADING MEMBERS OF PROVISIONAL IRA WERE REMOVED FROM MOUNTJOY JAIL, DUBLIN, UNDOUBTEDLY BY PROVO COLLEAGUES. ESCAPE WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN HIJACKED HELICOPTER LEASED FROM A PRIVATE HELICOPTER RENTAL FIRM BY A PERSON WHO PURPORTED TO BE AN AMERICAN. ONE OF THE ESCAPEES WAS SEAMUS TWOMEY, LEADING BELFAST PROVO, WHOSE INCARCERATION HERE HAD BEEN WELCOMED IN NI.

2. GOI IS HIGHLY EMBARRASSED BY THIS ESCAPE, COMING AS IT DOES SHORTLY AFTER FAILURE ARREST DAITHI O'CONNELL DURING RECENT PROVO SINN FEIN CONVENTION (DUBLIN 1426). EVEN THOUGH THERE HAS BEEN WIDESPREAD PUBLIC REJECTION OF PROVO VIOLENCE, WE EXPECT THAT THIS IMAGINATIVE JAILBREAK WILL CAUSE MANY CHUCKLES AT EXPENSE OF SECURITY FORCES. GOVT HAS REACTED STRONGLY AND BITTERLY BY CALLING EMERGENCY CABINET MEETING AND OPPOSITION WILL RAISE MATTER IN DAIL. MEASURES AGAINST IRA MAY BE INTENSIFIED.

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